

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2003-220-E - ORDER NO. 2003-507  
AUGUST 15, 2003

IN RE: Application of Carolina Power & Light ) ORDER APPROVING  
Company DBA Progress Energy Carolinas, ) OPTIONAL PROGRAMS  
Inc. for Approval of Optional Meter-Related )  
Programs. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a request by Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. ( PEC or the Company) to offer certain optional meter-related programs. According to the Company, these programs are desired by a limited number of customers to enhance their conservation, load management and cost containment efforts.

The first program is the TotalMeter program, which offers remote automated meter reading primarily for customers preferring that a Company representative not visit their premise each month to read the electric meter. It is available to both residential and non-residential accounts for a monthly charge that varies depending upon whether the customer chooses to provide a telephone communications line or request the Company furnish and use wireless communications. The program requires execution of an Application and a two-year commitment.

The second program is Energy Profile Online (EPO) and offers a non-residential customer Internet-based access to historic 15-minute interval consumption data. Provision of EPO requires that the standard meter for the customer's electrical

requirement have the capability of recording consumption on a 15-minute interval basis. Access to EPO meter data is both identification/name and password restricted to ensure access by only the customer. A set-up fee and monthly charge per meter apply.

The final program involves customer-access to Company meters for use with a non-residential customer's "meter reading" software. Customers must execute an Application and agree to a minimum two-year commitment. The meter must have interval and remote automated meter reading capabilities and the customer must provide a dedicated direct-dial telephone communication line to the Company's meter at no cost to the Company. The Company will furnish summary meter data and passwords to support customer-access to the Company meter. If additional support is required, the customer will be charged on a per hour basis at the Company's normal billing rates. A set-up fee and a monthly charge per meter apply.

These programs are available to non-residential customers even if their standard meter does not have remote read or interval-data capability. The meter will be upgraded to include these features for a monthly rate and other charges depending upon the meter program being requested. The minimum term to acquire non-standard metering is 2 years. The Company has included a proposed tariff with two accompanying application exhibits for all three programs, which it requests that we approve.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870(F)(Supp. 2002) states that the Commission may allow tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing upon Order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return, or when the tariffs do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utility. We hold that the tariffs before this Commission do not require a

determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return, and that the tariffs do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utility. Therefore, we may approve the tariff without notice or hearing.

We approve all of the proposed programs. As stated by the Company, the programs are desired by a limited number of customers to enhance their conservation, load management, and cost containment efforts. We believe that these customers should have the ability to participate in these optional programs for the reasons cited by the Company.

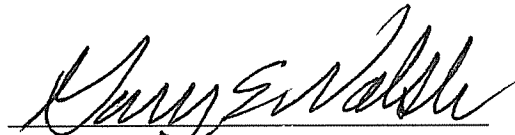
Accordingly, we hold that the Company shall file ten (10) copies of the appropriate tariff and the two proposed applications for service within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn  
Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh  
Executive Director

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